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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Yi Li; Colum O'Donnell; Hui Duan;  
Yanhong Wu; and Richard McAvoy

Application No.: 09/916,780

Group No.: 1638

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Examiner: Helmer, Georgia L.

For: METHODS FOR CONTROLLED AUTOMATIC EXCISION OF  
HETEROLOGOUS DNA FROM TRANSGENIC PLANTS AND  
DNA-EXCISING GENE CASSETTES FOR USE THEREIN

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**Amendment; Response to Office Action**

This paper is filed subsequent to the FINAL office action mailed October 1, 2003 to which a response was due by January 2, 2004. A petition for a one-month extension of time is included with this correspondence bringing the due date to February 2, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period for response.

A request for continuing examination (RCE) is also included with this response along with a check for \$385 to cover the fee required for a small entity.

A separate \$55 check for a small entity one-month extension fee is included; however, should any additional fee be due, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from Edwards & Angell Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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